

Application Serial No. 10/734,759 Reply to Office Action mailed September 9, 2005

REMARKS

Claims 36-42 and 44-51 are pending in this application. Claim 43 has been canceled. New dependent claims 45-51 have been added. No claims have been allowed. The Examiner mailed an Office Action on September 9, 2005, requiring a restriction to one of the following inventions under 35 U.S.C. § 121:

- I. Claims 36-41, drawn to a method of monitoring renal tubular epithelial differentiation, classifiable in class 436, subclass 6.
- II. Claim 42, drawn to a method of producing active renal epithelial cells, classifiable in class 435, subclass 325.
- III. Claim 44, drawn to a method of producing active 1,25 -dihydroxy vitamin D3, classifiable in class 435, subclass 70.1.

In response to this requirement for restriction, the Applicants respond as follows:

- 1) the Applicants elect to prosecute claim 42 and its new dependent claims 45-51 for examination;
- 2) the Applicants withdraw claims 36-41 and 44 from consideration at this time;
- 3) the Applicants cancel claim 43;
- 4) this election is made without traverse;
- 5) although claims 36-41 and 44 are withdrawn from further consideration as directed to a non-elected invention, the Applicant reserves the right to file a divisional application thereon; and,
- 6) a Listing of Claims with the status of all claims and the text of the pending claims (including the amended claims) is included in this Response.

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CONCLUSION

In view of the above Response, the Applicant submits that the pending claims in the instant application are in condition for allowance. The Applicant respectfully requests an early action to this end.

Respectfully submitted,

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